

WRITING ASSESSMENT
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It was on my birthday last year that I opened my favorite gift I have ever received. All of my presents were opened and I was very content and satisfied with my gifts. As we were getting up from the dinner table to go home, my parents had said they remembered one last gift. As I was handed it, my heart was racing as if it was going to leap out. My mind was speeding thinking of all the possibilities that could be in this plain white box, as I tore it open I was in awe. My parents had gotten me a trip to the amazing New York City. This soon turned into my favorite present ever, I have always wanted to go there, I got to go with my family, and I got to visit a new place.

I have always wanted to go to New York, and with this present I was able to. I got to see everything I have dreamed of, and I have never been to a place so big. It seemed as if the city never slowed down or stopped for a break. I also got to experience the life and intensity of living in a large city.

Next, with this present I was able to go with the people closest to me, my family. They are so fun to be around and they are what made this birthday present so special. I would not have wanted to spend this time with anyone else. My birthday would not have been the same if they

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would not have been there.

Lastly, I got to visit a new place. I got to go to two different extremes, life in Tennessee and then life in the Big Apple. I also got to see many things I have always longed to see. We rode a ferry to Ellis Island, and I got to see the Statue of Liberty. We went to the top of the Empire State Building, and I got to look at where the World Trade Centers once stood.

In conclusion, my favorite present I have ever received was my trip to New York City. This is for many reasons, I have always wanted to go there, I got to go with my family, and I had the chance to visit a new place. This was the best gift I have ever received!

Score Point: 5

This response reflects a strong degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer introduces the response by writing a narrative about receiving the favorite gift. This transits smoothly into expository mode with key reasons a trip to New York is the writer's favorite gift (I have always wanted to go there, I got to go with my family, and I got to visit a new place). Specific details are provided to illustrate the reasons, and the response is well organized. Variety in syntax and facility in language use (content and satisfied, I was in awe, intensity of living, and go to two different extremes) are evident. This response would benefit from further development and a stronger conclusion.